Budget proposes job, program cuts

By TERRY MOORE
and ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writers

Niagara College may cut eight programs and lay off 52 employees to attack a $2.3 million deficit.

"No decisions have yet been made," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, stressed this week. "These are only recommendations to the board and are not final decisions."

The programs are: Theatre Arts, Dental Hygiene, Survey Technician, Mechanical Engineering Technician (Drafting Design), Bilingual Secretary, Library Technician, Labor Studies, and the College Vocational program.

Students enrolled in two-year programs facing cuts will be able to complete their second year.

A budget report by the President's Executive Council issued to staff this week said, "There appears to be nowhere left to go but into the muscle and sinew of the institution, into its program base and critical supporting services."

The report also said, "It is most unfortunate that the college is required to pay such a high price for government underfunding, far more catastrophic now than in the era before access became the provincial watchword in post-secondary education."

Of three proposals to deal with

Plans won't gel for a month

Niagara College has declared financial exigency, William Ford, chairman of the Board of Governors, told a press conference yesterday. "This means that faculty have 30 days for input purposes and support staff have 60 days for input purposes."

During the financial exigency period, staff members may present recommendations on the budget in written and verbal form.

"We unequivocally welcome input and hope fervently they may come up with something to help us," Mr. Ford said. "We have various proposals coming before the board and we're giving them serious consideration."

"We owe it to them (the staff)," Mr. Ford said.

No specific date could be given when final budget decisions will be made.

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Books for China

Library technician Sandra Brooks and English instructor Jennie Griffiths look over the set of Collier's Encyclopedias and a dictionary that are part of a collection of books to be given to Niagara College's twin, Changsha University, in China. The books are a gift to start a library there.

Photo by Don Wilsack

Union investigating funding, management

By BILL SAWCHUK
and MARK TAYTI
Staff Writers

The Niagara College faculty union feels that after operating expenses have been met, $6 million should be left over to run the college.

"The position of the faculty is simple and straightforward," Barry Sharpe, communications officer for the Niagara local of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, told a press conference Wednesday night.

The union, feeling that this budget is "the first step towards the end of Niagara College," will engage a firm of chartered accountants at their expense to help analyse the budget recommendations, and forecast the future of the college.

"The firm will also address the question of the effectiveness of the management structure now in place at Niagara," Mr. Sharpe said.

Mr. Sharpe said a number of western region colleges are expecting deficits; all but Niagara have reserves available to cover them.

30 DAYS

The board has given the faculty 30 days "to assist in resolving this financial crisis without causing irrevocable damage to Niagara's community college."

In an early response to the President's Executive Council report on the budget, the union decided to point out discrepancies, hire an accountant and take the fight to the public.

Mr. Sharpe said the last place to make cuts at Niagara College is in revenue-generating programs.

"Not only are they cutting into the muscle and sinew of the college; they're making very little effort to cut into the fat."

The PEC report had suggested three possible options to balance the budget, but, according to the report, only one of these options could possibly be considered.

"The faculty's position is that these options should be labelled, respectively, ludicrous, ridiculous and unacceptable," Mr. Sharpe said.

SURVIVAL KEY

"The key to survival is to increase the number of students. We need a marketing strategy, something that doesn't exist right now."

The union pointed out two discrepancies in the budget report — the choice of programs to be cut and comparisons with other colleges.

The decision to cut programs is based on a rating system, the Budget Decision Package Rankings. Programs below a set funding line are to be cut.

The union said healthy programs above the line are being cut. "In effect, the PEC provided one set of recommendations to the board in the report, and a very different set in its priority rankings of college activities and programs."

The report cited Conestoga College as comparable to Niagara and financially sound with 38 programs compared to Niagara's 54.

"In fact, the Conestoga calendar for 1988-99 lists 12 apprenticeship, 25 certificate, and 34 post-secondary programs — a total of 71."

The Globe and Mail yesterday quoted Drew Nemeth, manager of the ministry's financial support unit, as saying that, although Niagara offers a wide range of programs compared to some of the other 22 community colleges, it is small and appears to be isolated.

The faculty contends that PEC has not been given a mandate by the ministry to reduce the size of the college's operations and the number of programs. The faculty argues it is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to establish college policy.

Mr. Nemeth was also quoted as acknowledging that it is up to the Board of Governors to establish college policy.

She knows her do's and doughnuts

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

Where she began her career, they sold Bavarian cream, vanilla cream, chocolate cream-filled and coffee with cream.

Where she works now, they sell things like Creme Saint-Honore, Saumon a la creme fraiche, and iced coffee Viennoise served, of course, with whipped cream.

Mary Moore has come a long way from being a doughnut maker at Tim Horton's; today, she is a sous chef at one of Canada's most prestigious restaurants.

Along the way, Mary has been accumulating awards, medals, and certificates of achievement; but with all her past success, Mary remains modest.

It has been only one year since Mary graduated from the Cook Apprentice program at the Rainbow Centre, but on Monday, April 11, the Professional Chefs' Association of Niagara picked Mary as the Apprentice of the Year.

"It really feels good to receive the recognition from all of your peers," Mary said.

A native of Windsr, Ont., Mary, 28, has been cooking professionally for 12 years. She left school to learn how to make doughnuts.

"My dad used to bring doughnuts home, and I always wondered how they were made."

After three years at Tim Horton's, Mary left Windsor to take a job at the Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls.

After eight months, Mary found a new job in Pangnirtung, N.W.T., 20 miles south of the Arctic Circle. She stayed there for more than two years, and, before she was through, was running the lodge.

Mary believes in working hard, and credits her success to a philosophy she learned from her father.

"I was taught that if you ever want to get anywhere in life, you have to work," Mary said. "Now all that hard work is paying off."

At present, Mary is teaching basic cooking part-time at Niagara and is working fulltime at the Pillar and Post Restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake. She has an unquenchable desire to learn everything about her trade.

(See Mary page 2)

The new executive of the St. Catharines campus Senate include, from left, front, Marilynn Prentice, secretary; Patricia Matthews, vice-president; Alister Teneycke, treasurer; at back, Lloyd Simms, events committee; Lisa Thibert, treasurer; and Ted Lafluer, president. Absent werre Dan McTrivish and Rick Roux, both on the events committee.
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Welland Campus Learning Resource Centre

St. Catharines

Eight positions filled on student Senate

Student Ted Lafluer secured the president's position in a landslide victory at St. Catharines Campus' Senate elections last Friday.

Of the 125 votes cast, Ted, basic trades skills development student, was favored by 71. "I plan to do more with the students than has been done in the past," he said. "I'll do my best for the student body."

Patricia Matthews ranked second claiming the vice-president's position. The remaining senate was appointed through acclamation. They are: Marilynn Prentice, secretary; Alister Teneycke and Lisa Thibert, treasurers; and Lloyd Simms, Dan McTrivish and Rick Roux, events committee.

All the senate members are enrolled in the BTSD program and will remain in school for at least six more months.

Past president Wayne Sanford, Ontario Basic Skills student, will stay as adviser to the senate. The challenging work was exciting for Wayne. "I got to work with a lot of really good people. I wish the best of luck to the new senate."

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Mary

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm doing what I want." Mary said. "This is where I'll stay."

Mary started her apprenticeship at the Sheraton-Brock in Niagara Falls. Because of her previous kitchen experience, she was given the option of skipping over her basic training at the St. Catharines campus.

"I had a chance to go directly into the advanced program, but I wanted to go through the course from the beginning to the end."

While in the basic program, Mary received the Business Faculty and the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation awards. That year, she entered a cooking competition at George Brown College and won a bronze medal.

During her advanced training at the Rainbow Centre, she won the same awards for the second year in a row. Then, she added another bronze medal to her collection when she entered a culinary competition in Buffalo.

"I used to keep them in the closet, but my boyfriend kept telling me to hang them up; so I did."

She first set her sights on the Apprentice of the Year award when she attended one of the annual Chefs' Association dinners.

"I remember saying to myself, that's the one I want," Mary said. "I was so happy when I won this year."

Mary said of all the places she has worked, she likes it best at the Pillar and Post.

Mary has her sights set firmly on the future.

"I want to be a 'working' chef," Mary said. "I enjoy doing a la carte work best of all." She said she always wants to remain active in the food preparation end of the business.

Yes, Mary has come a long way since her doughnut making days at Tim Horton's; but she said she wouldn't be satisfied until she was one of the best.

Don't worry Mary, the cream always rises to the top.

SAC reports

Darryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president, presented an unwritten yearly report to the 14 Niagara College students who attended the General College Membership meeting in which constitutional amendments were voted on by the students. The speech was brief and to the point taking about three minutes to give.

Although Darryl blamed low attendence of events on student apathy, he said some of the blame must lie with the council itself.

"It was a good year, but not the best there ever was," Darryl said.

He also said there were personal conflicts within SAC, but that there always are. Council members just have to try to get along as best as possible and try to solve any such problems as they arise.

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OCCSPA conference at Niagara in Nov.

Niagara College will play host to an Ontario Community College Student Presidents Association [OCCSPA] conference next November.

Randy Conlon, incoming SAC president, and Darryl Nadeau, outgoing president, put in a bid to hold the conference while they attended an OCCSPA conference last weekend in Peterborough.

"Darryl and I both told OCCSPA we felt Niagara had to offer such things as the Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls, and the Hospitality Centre facilities," Randy said.

The conference could attract as many as 60 students sitting on college student administrative councils, throughout the province.

"The planning will start soon. There is so much to do — a ton of work, but I'm already excited for November," Randy said.

There will be no major costs to the college.

"If there is any cost at all, it will be minimal, but I doubt there will be," Randy said. "The money comes from every school that participates."

Randy thinks the experience of holding such a conference would be invaluable.

"I think it's super for Niagara to be host because we'll get recognized and our council will gain great experience in organization procedure. It may be the only chance they get to see what goes on at OCCSPA conferences and meet OCCSPA members."

No foolin' on parking

The parking bylaw will be strictly enforced at the Welland campus from the beginning of the school year in September, the special needs committee has decided.

All unauthorized vehicles — including those in disabled-designated areas — will be ticketed and towed from the first day of school, instead of after school starts as it has been in the past, the committee decided April 8.

"We need a strict enforcement of the bylaw," Neil McGregor, chairman of hospitality and development, said.

"If people have to pay $40 or $50 for a towing bill, they would not be so ready to do it," Bette Ferguson, committee chairman, said.

Jack Spittle, property and plant director, supplies parking stickers for those entitled to handicapped parking.

Students who have a temporary disability, such as a broken leg, can apply for a temporary handicapped parking sticker, Lou Dimattio, executive secretary of student services, said.

Those needing stickers should contact the college nurse.

Margaret Bartlett proudly displays her first byline at the Niagara Falls Review.

Nerves on first day build new excitement

Regardless of the program, field placement is a transitional time for students getting ready to enter the work force. The first day can be awkward no matter how prepared one is.

The first day of field placement for journalism-print students was on April 4, and Margaret Bartlett showed up at the Niagara Falls Review ready for anything.

"I was nervous, very nervous," Margaret said.

During her first day, she was standing in a muddy field, covering a story about a car that was on fire.

"I had on a new dress, open-toed shoes and I was spattered with mud up to my knees," Margaret said.

During her first day, she interviewed the mayor. she made it through the first day, and the next day got her first story published in The Review.

"It was so exciting to see my name on the City page with my byline."

Margaret said she is raring to go. "There have been no surprises. I haven't been asked to do anything I wasn't taught at the college."

Margaret got the idea to become a journalist when she was upgrading at the St. Catharines campus. Reading the Niagara News, and the fact that her English marks had always been good in high school helped her to decide.

Margaret was a housewife for seven years before coming back to school. She said her only ambition when she was growing up was to have children and raise them, but making it through the two-year program has given her a sense of accomplishment.

"I'm so glad I took this course, I finally found something I like to do." Margaret has been keeping busy at The Review. She has had a story in the paper every day, except the first one.

"It's exactly like school." Margaret said. "We (the class) were very well prepared."

In total, the Review has accepted three students from the journalism-print program this year.

Don Mullan, managing editor of the Review, said the newspaper is pleased with the girls.

"The girls are friendly, hard-working and eager," Mr. Mullan said.

Margaret said the time is passing quickly, and she will be sorry when her placement is over.

"Working on a daily for a month has confirmed the fact that I really want to do this."

Her brown eyes sparkle when she talks about reporting. She wants to find a job as soon as possible when her field placement ends on April 29.

"I've been waiting two years for this. I want to work."

Wherever Margaret ends up working, her enthusiasm will help to carry her through that first, nervous day whether it's at The Globe and Mail, or Field and Stream.

Gandz report

Sees need for change

No one who has observed collective bargaining in Ontario's community colleges can doubt that there is a need to change, the commissioner appointed to examine the process reported this week. "The question is, do the parties want to?"

Jeffrey Gandz, a professor of business at the University of Western Ontario, was appointed in January last year as a one-man commission to examine collective bargaining at the colleges and advise the minister on its effectiveness.

He called for major amendments, including a newly designated bargaining agent, reconstructed bargaining units and the encouragement of local bargaining to supplement that at the provincial level.

ADEQUATE FUNDS

Pointing out that the greatest turmoil has occurred during times of government under-funding, he said government funding should reflect reasonable estimates of costs and conditions of settlements.

He cited a history of turmoil and consistently recurring issues, a climate which has resulted in "predictable and entrenched positions" of the parties before each round of bargaining.

The existence of poor union-management relations mars the exciting challenges ahead for the colleges.

"There is a significant opportunity cost when so much energy and talent is spent fighting each other instead of working together to improve the quality and reliability of education and training," he said.

"Where the relationships are good — and there are many colleges where they are excellent — people report that they have the opportunity to earn a living doing something worthwhile. Surely that is worth a great deal."

His recommendations are intended to improve relationships by removing some of the obstacles and impediments to constructive collective bargaining.

Employee relations have been confounded for years by the role of the Council of Regents which stepped into a vacuum when it emerged as the bargaining agent for the colleges. "The council was responsible for negotiating the agreement and the council was not even responsible to the colleges."

He criticized the lack of a constructive problem-solving relationship between the colleges and the academic bargaining unit at the provincial level and of any evidence that issues were worked on to any great extent in the time between negotiations. In contrast, support staff bargaining has been "much more constructive."

"The constant uncertainty about the stage of negotiations, accompanied by the intermittent exchange of accusations, denunciations, and propaganda, has been unsettling to staff and students alike. Collective bargaining of this type consumes inordinate amounts of energy and resources which could be devoted to education."

His recommendcations can succeed only if there is a genuine desire to improve the relationship by everyone involved, he said.

"The enabling framework has been recommended — now it is a matter of will," his report concluded.

The report is being distributed to community college officials who are asked to comment on it by the end of June.

Randy new rep

Randy Conlon, incoming Student Administrative Council president, has been elected unanimously to the postition of southwestern regional OCCSPA representative.

He will be representing five colleges: St. Clair in Windsor, Lambton in Sarnia, Mohawk in Hamilton, Fanshawe in London and Niagara — on the Ontario Community Colleges Students Presidents Association.

Graduation dinner a go

The graduation dinner and dance for graduates, family and friends will go ahead as planned at the Rose Villa June 11 after convocation.

Ticket sales were extended until today. About 100 tickets — the number necessary for the dinner dance to be held — have been sold.

To reserve tickets, a $10 deposit is required at the SAC office; they must be picked up and the balance paid by Wednesday, April 27.

The menu has not been chosen yet, but it will be a full-service sit-down meal.

Cocktail hour begins at 4 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by music and dancing at 9p.m.

Fundraising for expenditures

Subcommittee to form foundation

A sub-committee of the Board of Governors is trying to form a fundraising foundation to generate money needed to meet Niagara College capital expenditures.

Mary Ann Seppala, chairman of the sub-committee, said, "We hope to name a chairman for the foundation at our next meeting."

At present, the sub-committee is looking into foundations set up by other schools. They are also examining the bylaws concerning the operation of a foundation.

The sub-committee is searching for a loaned executive to manage the foundation. The foundation will be represented by people in the region who are interested in the college.

Mrs. Seppala said each college department involved in a fundraising venture will probably have a liaison to work in conjunction with the foundation.

The first major campaign undertaken by the foundation will be to purchase equipment for the Hospitality Training Centre.

The sub-committee laying the groundwork for the foundation consist of Larry Cote, co-ordinator of marketing management; Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services; Betty Ann Chandler, teaching master of the nursing program; Nancy Turpin, accounts payable clerk; George Repar, director of planning and development; Janet Forfar, information officer; and Carl Yeager, teacher in the school of technology.

A lot of people call life "The Survival of the Fittest". You know, a lot of people are right.

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Editorials

Students choose own paths

There are five kinds of students in the college at this time of year: those who are graduating,those who are going to pass,those who are going to fail, those who are giving up, and those who will be back in September.

First, I would like to address the students who will be graduating. Congratulations, survivors. As you walk from the college in June with that diploma in your hand, don't be too alarmed if you don't receive instant recognition. You have only just made the team: now, you have to show them what kind of player you are. Good luck.

Second, I would like to address all the students who are going to pass the year. Although it's not official yet, you people know who you are: you are the ones who have been watching your class get smaller with each passing month: you are the ones who have been attending classes, handing in assignments, and taking college seriously. Before you walk out the door at the end of the month, copy out your formula for success and memorize it. You're going to need it again next year. Until then, congratulations and keep up the good work.

Third, I would like to address the people who are going to fail. The third type of student can be split into two groups, and my parting words are different for each. If you failed as a result of trying to succeed, there is no disgrace. As you walk out that door at the end of the month, remember this: Everybody fails sooner or later; the trick is to keep on trying.

If you failed for any other reason, there isn't much that I can say to you. As you walk through the door at the end of the month, look back and retrace your footsteps. Try and remember what brought you here in the first place.

Fourth, I would like to address the students who have given up. Let me just say that I don't feel sorry for you. Why waste the space? You're already probably feeling sorry for yourself.

Finally, I shall address the students who will be returning to Niagara College in September. I hope the last eight months have been as enjoyable for you as they have been for me. As you walk out the door at the end of the month, remember this: in four more months you will be walking back in. Use the summer wisely.

Mark Tayti

Keep graffiti off the wall

"For a good time call, ask for Bubbles, peace is the only way , war is the only way" — where was the last place you saw these written? If you said the study booths in the Niagara College library, you were correct. Crudely written statements about race, religion and sex cover the walls in the study booths and the desk tops of the college. The messages range from strong political views, to the more popular telephone numbers advertising free sexual favors.

It is hard to believe that students can foolishly waste their time vandalizing school property. Surely students can find something better to do with their spare time. The booths were intended to be used for studying, and the desks for learning. Walls that were originally spotless become tarnished quickly. It only takes one message on a clean desk to attract others to add their two cents.

Come on, students, let's get our act together. We can't sit by and allow this outlandish graffiti to continue. Instead of reading the walls and adding more messages, we should be trying to find a way to get rid of them. They scarcely suggest a mature student body at the college; and I am sure the majority of students wish to show responsibility.

We can start by keeping up our thoughts on paper where they belong. Study booths and desks were placed in this college for educational purposes, let's keep them for that.

Julie Slack

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Letters

Thanks reporters

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Athletic Department I wish to thank Randy Conlon, Wendy Kudeba and Rob Strohm for the excellent reporting of the athletic events they gave us this year. It was very much appreciated by the Department and the student athletes. We know you are proud of them and their accomplishments.

Peter Rylander
Co-ordinator of Atheltics

Warmth appreciated

Dear Editor,

In my capacity as the facilitator of the Integrated College Program Pilot Project currently being run through Continuing Education at Niagara College, I have met many faculty members, staff and students.

In my efforts to schedule four handicapped students in regular college courses, I have been met with warmth and enthusiasm from everyone I have had the pleasure to meet.

The receptivity of the college community has been very encouraging for myself and the four students participating in the Pilot Project.

I would like to thank everyone at the main Campus and the Theatre Centre for their cooperation, and I look forward to the future, confident that the people at Niagara College have demonstrated the understanding and commitment necessary for the successful operation of the Integrated College Program.

Mary Morgret-Thomas
Facilitator
Integrated College Program

Congratulations extended

Dear Julie Slack,

In regard to the article Cover your Behind Set Clocks Ahead, (First Edition, March 25) I would like to compliment you on your sense of humor. I can just imagine the frustrations both parties would feel when they realize who made the mistake and why.

I can see that that mistake could be made very easily, even though the "time change" has been advertised all over. This article is one that really attracted my attention.

Congratulations on your writing; keep up the good work.

Carmen Coutu
Family Care Assistant Program

Newspaper tie that binds

Dear Editor,

Over the last few months I have enjoyed reading the school newspaper very much. I look forward to the end of the week so I can pick up the latest edition.

The newspaper itself is very informative, but we have learned a great deal when picking out a particular article and discussing it in class with our English teacher.

Being in the Brant building most of the time, we seem to be alienated from the rest of the students, but I feel the newspaper keeps me in touch to a degree.

Good luck in the coming year and thank you for some interesting reading.

Evelyn Benny
Family Care Assistant Program

More letters

SAC defends purchase

Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to the editorial written in the April 12th editon of the Niagara News regarding SAC jackets.

Bill Sawchuk believes the Student Administrative Council has shirked its responsibilities by misspending the students' money; we would have to disagree.

The jackets were bought to help promote the student council and make Niagara's students aware of council members. Students have complained (First Edition SAC Poll) that they do not know who council members are; with the jackets, SAC members are distinctive and therefore more approachable to the students we represent. The money was "spent with the students in mind," not to enhance our wardrobes.

We have had a lot of positive comments from faculty and students, and our only regret is that we did not buy them earlier, so the SAC/student relationship could be strengthened.

Glen Futers
Executive Vice-President
Student Administrative Council
Elaine Wilson
School representative
Applied Arts and Health Science

Nice work

Dear Editor,

At the risk of academic incest, may I congratulate the first year students on the excellent issues of the Niagara News they have produced.

The relevance and range in subject matter, the poignancy in several stories, the attention to detail — whether in regard to content or handling of the language — lead us to anticipate in the following year the kind of excellance that we have learned to expect from the Niagara News. Bravo, year 1.

Erika Church
Teacher of English

Focus

In Fashion

Fashion Students display upcoming trends

By ANNE HOFSINK
Staff Writer

The theme — Everything Old is New Again — was well accentuated in the fashion show staged by fashion arts students at the Aqua-Duck April 13.

Bell-bottomed blue jeans, a tight fitting white shoulderless gown, and form-fitting mini-skirts, 1960 originals, set the tone for the show. The students' designs were reflections mainly of the '50s and '60s.

Kris Belore, a second-year student, was inspired by a picture in a book for her 1860s' evening wear design. The ball gown was off the shoulder with a shirred bodice, a bustle back skirt with a bouquet of roses on the back and a ruffle around the bottom. The gown was made of royal blue taffetta and the bouquet of roses on the bustle was white for contrast. Kris chose roses because they are in this spring. She said it was a show piece, never to be worn.

Angelo Bell was inspired by a 1947 design, pink with blue bordered bolero suit gave a sophisticated appearance. The suit's curved hemline gave it a feminine look.

The audience's attention was captured by Penny Rose's long-sleeved, open-backed mini-dress. The red color and rhinestone border gave an added touch to the knit dress.

The 1930s' era gave Jodi Millar, a first-year student, the idea for her navy blue trumpet flared full-length skirt and was made of polyester/rayon material to create soft movement.

A screen off to the side displayed pictures to compare clothing from the different eras with the students' designs.

During the intermission, door prizes were presented from Reflections, Rose City Gifts and Novelties, Roy Timm Photographic Arts, Marion Minor, and Eurocare.

"Flabergasted, shocked, amazed, and surprised that Niagara College had such talent," were the comments of Tania Spadaro in her description of the fashion show. Others expressed their enjoyment of the show and commented that the students had great ideas. Many thought that having the show at the Aqua-Duck was great because it created a relaxing atmosphere.

"I really didn't expect this many people," Irene Bolibruch, a second-year student, said.

The students' designs were modelled by Geoffery Chapman's Complete Success Models and the show was narrated by Barb Morrison, second-year fashion student.

Geoffery Chapman's Complete Success Models exhibit some of the designs which display the Fashion Arts students' talent. This year's fashions reflect the images of the'50s and '60s.

COCA bound

Felix Lostracco, the incoming social convener of the Student Administrative Council, will attend a national conference at Fanshawe College in London on June 14-15.

Social conveners from Ontario community colleges attend the conference of the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities to become aware of different types of entertainment available for school activities.

Free trade: 'major issue since Confederation'

By BILL SAWCHUK
and ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writers

Free trade will prove to be a good deal for Canadians, supporter of free trade said, while his opponent responded that the deal is bad for Canada and is based on politics rather than economics.

These were the views of Geoffrey Hale, senior policy adviser to the Retail Merchants Association of Canada, and Mel Swart, member of the provincial legislature, who spoke at the free trade debate on April 7. The debate was presented by the Student Administrative Council and organized by Ralph Rittner, vice-president of finance.

Mr. Hale told the audience of about 60 students and faculty in the Hamilton Room, that the free trade agreement "for Canadians as a whole, in the future, will prove to be a good deal."

"If I thought the free trade agreement was bad for Canada, I would not touch it with a 10-foot pole."

SINCE CONFEDERATION

Mr. Swart challenged his counterpart saying the free trade decision is the "most important issue facing Canadians since Confederation" and a "deal with so many intangibles ... that the pros and cons are at best based on educated guesswork."

"The final decision doesn't have much to do with pro and con, it has everything to do with Mulroney's ambitions."

He said Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will use the issue to divide opposition votes to win another term.

"That's the bottom line, he can't win on his record so he wants to win on free trade."

Mr. Hale, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Princeton University, compared the free trade deal with that of the one in Europe which led to the formation of the European Economic Community.

BENEFIT FOR ALL

"The EEC countries have benefitted and have not had to jeoparidize their sovereignty or culture." He said it would give Canada more employment, wealth and opportunity. Consumers, workers, and small business people will all benefit.

Mr. Swart disagreed, "It is not a free trade agreement like that of the EEC. Only half of the agreement deals with free trade; it deals with investment and non-preferential access to energy. It is much more than a free trade agreement."

Mr. Hale, recognizing the value of small business in supporting the economy of Canada, believed free trade with the U.S. would not hurt, but benefit small business, create new jobs, and "eliminate mindless protectionism."

"This deal creates a framework for jobs of the future," Mr. Hale said. "About 98 per cent of all small business people support it. It will provide a tremendous future and it is up to us to take advantage of it."

JOB LOSSES

Although "28,000" jobs in Ontario could be threatened by trade adjustments, Mr. Hale deemed that figure insignificant.

"Job losses, compared to economic upheavals, are insignificant. We are fully capable of meeting hardships without major catastrophes," Mr. Hale said, adding that new business would create more jobs.

Mr. Swart argued that "Canada would not survive on free trade," unable to compete with the incredible market power of the U.S.

"The deal would affect our area business greatly," Mr. Swart said and wine industry will be decimated by free trade. Small businesses now receiving special considerations from the government will be lost."

"About 280,000 jobs will be lost in Ontario due to the deal, and if the Canadian dollar continues to rise, it will be too expensive for the U.S. to import from Canada; more jobs may be lost."

SOVEREIGNTY

On the issue of sovereignty, Mr. Swart said the Canadian government cannot pursue investment policies that will help Canada retain her sovereignty.

He said U.S. President Ronald Reagan called the agreement an "economic constitution for North America."

"We will lose our sovereignty over the economy. Canada will be the loser in the deal, no longer an autonomous nation, jeopardizing her self-sufficiency," Mr. Swart said.

Mr. Hale, however, did not believe Canada will lose her sovereignty as "the deal will not restrict the country from expanding."

"Canadians will not trade away their quality of life," Mr. Hale said of Canada's "perception of sovereignty."

ON ENERGY

Energy was another hot subject.

Canada can sell off her excess energy under provincial jurisdiction and still remain self-sufficient, Mr. Hale said.

"The U.S. will not have unlimited access to our resources. There will be a production/sharing arrangement, rules for sharing the market."

But Mr. Swart said, "The United States will have full and equal access to our natural resources and energy," Mr. Swart said. "Our forests are disappearing and we barely have enough oil for ourselves."

Perhaps the only issue on which both men agreed is their pride in being Canadian.

"I am proud to be Canadian," Mr. Swart said. "This deal is bad for Canada and we should keep Canada the way it is and try to improve it." Mr. Hale said, "I am proud to be Canadian and we don't have to dislike Americans to have that pride. If I thought the free trade agreement was bad for Canada, I would not be in favor of it.

During the public forum Connie Millar, computer business applications student, reflected on her experiences in New Brunswick with the americanization of the potash industry. Speaking strongly to Mr. Hale she said that Americans took Canadian jobs and asked how, under free trade, this would be prevented.

Mr. Hale replied he was not aware of that particular situation and dismissed it as an unlikely occurrence when the agreeement is in place."

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STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Special needs people given a chance

By TRACY SCHILZ
Staff Writer

It is generally understood that all people have the right to pursue a post-secondary education.

Unfortunately, this right is not always the case.

People with special needs — individuals with intellectual disabilities — have limited academic and employment opportunities, but with the help of many and Niagara College, this can change.

This term, four students with intellectual difficulties attended classes at the college but one quit to pursue other goals.

The Integrated College Program Pilot Project creates "opportunity rights and the assistance required to ensure development to maximum potential with equality," Carol Johnstone, development officer with Continuing Education Services, said.

With limited education in the form of academics after high school, students with intellectual difficulties have two vocational choices: to attend a sheltered workshop environment or to be vocationally inactive.

The Welland Association for Community Living in conjunction with Niagara College is helping to get these students their right to further their education, Mary Morgret-Thomas, project facilitator, said.

"The thing that has pleased me the most has been the acceptance of the program; the students have been accepted into the college community with no hesitation," she said.

"We have had a phenomenal response," Ms. Morgret-Thomas said. "The students are fitting in very well; there are no problems and the college has been fantastic."

Students have volunteered to be buddies to the students enrolled in the pilot project and teachers have suggested ideas and classes.

The students — their names as well as their buddies' names have been changed to ensure anonymity — are involved in different programs based on their interest and abilities.

Allan, 20, has four business-oriented classes a day. He hopes to get into Health Care some day working on computers. He took a break from the computers to be interviewed.

"I'd rather have more education than I have now," Allan said. "This gives me a better understanding of my limitations."

Mike, an artist, also enjoys working on computers. A buddy, Sue, said, "It's worth it to make the time for the program. I learned a lot; it's neat to watch the progress. Mike was very quiet; now you can't get him to stop talking."

She said the pilot project was good "not only for the three students enrolled, but for us too."

Mrs. Johnstone said, "To be exposed to any people with handicaps — it loses its stigma.

Mike, 22, is a talented artist. This was revealed in his sketch book. It's hard work, he said, but he really enjoys it. His highest score in typing is 38 words a minute.

Experience

Mike has already got a job lined up for the summer.

"I like Niagara College; they're beautiful students at the main campus and theatre centre," Mike said.

Debbie, who now has a set career goal due to the experience gained at Niagara College, joked about her upcoming 21st birthday. "I asked my parents for a car or money," but she is expecting to get a kitten.

"I feel I will benefit from all the stuff I learned here — when I go to get a job," Debbie said.

"They're enjoying self-confidence, and functional skills have increased in a normal setting." Ms. Morgret-Thomas said.

These students were selected for the pilot project in December based on their responsibility, personal interests and availability to the main campus.

While still looking to future plans, the Integrated College Program Pilot Project is the first step of what might one day be a full-time program.

Student given opportunity

Mike Jarrett has been given the opportunity most athletes only dream of.

The 21-year-old law and security administration student has been accepted at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, the number one ranked school in NCAA division 3 baseball.

Marietta has offered Mike a scholarship of as much as $10,000 per year and a chance to play for the baseball team. He stressed that this is not an athletic scholarship.

Mike said Marietta has a good reputation for both academics and athletics. They are strict about athletes maintaining a high average throughout the year.

"There is no fooling around at Marietta. Your school work is just as important as baseball to them," he said.

Mike has been playing baseball for 15 years in Niagara Falls. He has won team MVP, tournament MVP, and pitching MVP, as well as being named team captain numerous times.

MIKE JERRETT

30 COLLEGES

On the encouragement of an adviser, he sent out athletic resumes to 30 colleges in the United States. Mike received responses from many of them, but Marietta seemed the most interested.

Head coach Don Schaly of the Marietta Pioneers invited Mike and two of his friends to come down, see the team play,and view the school. Mike was impressed by both the school and the team. He found the students and faculty friendly and eager to help.

"Everyone went out of their way to show me around," he said. "They really rolled out the red carpet."

One of the requirements needed to attend the school is recommendations. Fred Bassi, of the athletic department, and Angela North, law and security teacher, gave Mike the recommendations he needed.

"I owe them a great deal of thanks. They went out on a limb for me."

Mike received a letter from Kent Tekulve, a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies and Marietta graduate, praising the college. Mr. Tekulve encouraged Mike to look at the academic aspects of Marietta as well as its baseball program.

Mike is excited about being able to play baseball in the United States. Baseball programs like Marietta's are not offered in Canada.

"When it comes to baseball, America really is the land of opportunity," he said. "I wouldn't have this chance here."

Mike's parents are supportive of his plans to attend school in the U.S. He comes from a family of athletes who know what it's like to go after your dreams. Mike's father played hockey for the Chicago Blackhawks for about 15 years.

Mike is optimistic about the future. He hasn't committed himself to Marietta yet. Elmhurst College in Illinois has also shown interest in him and has invited him to come and see their baseball team. Mike wants to keep his options open before he makes his final decision

At this point he is leaning towards Marietta for a number of reasons. He wants to take their pre-law program in the hopes of maybe one day going to law school . The fact that Marietta is ranked number one in baseball is an added incentive.

Mike is grateful for the support and help he has received from teachers at Niagara. He has enjoyed his year but is looking forward to attending school in the U.S.

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Entertainment

Eve, (Connie Vincent) is tempted with the forbidden apple by the Devil (Rick Caravaggio) in last nights preview of Showcase '88. Showcase '88 runs from the 21 to the 23 at the Theatre Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland. Photo by Dan Kostuk

Showcase '88 preview a raging success

By MARGARET BOAL
and DAN KOSTUK
and SHELLEY MOORE

From the opening chords of Creation to the final question of peace or war, Showcase '88 was a huge success. The production was the theatre arts students' interpretation of the downfall of man. It was a realistic portrayal of the world and how we've brought destruction upon ourselves.

The final production of the season by the Niagara College Theatre Centre, Showcase '88 continues at the centre, 54 Empire St.,tonight and tomorrow night. The unusual show was partially based on individual monologues developed by the students.

Through the use of fear, intimidation, humor and sorrow, Showcase '88 left no doubt of its intentions; the scenes, monologues and songs made clear its meaning.

Dynamic portrayals by Robin Haggerty, Larry Smith and Margaret Ferencz contributed to a rollercoaster ride of emotion the audience was taken on during Wednesday night's preview.

Robin's portrayal of a vengeful, love-scorned woman left the audience intimidated whereas Larry's comical performance as Noah had the audience rolling with laughter. Margaret's powerful monologue grabbed the heart and brought tears to the eye.

Rob Anderson, organist at Saint John the Evangelist church in Thorold, provided accompaniment with keyboards and synthesizers. Music excellence — his and soloists Shae Marie Casner, Shelly Seely and Margaret Ferencez — combined with dramatic lighting enhanced the production and added to the mood.

The efforts of all involved worked together to make Showcase '88 a production well worth seeing. It was not only an entertaining experience, but provided insight into the way man has contibuted to his own demise.

Before the production Valerie Grabove, program co-ordinator, said, "There is a risk involved because this show was not based on a script. We are creating a whole. It is very challenging and the end results are very exciting."

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Blues man performs

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Next time you call for the blues, give a call to Paul Langille.

The name may not be totally familiar but the voice certainly is; it's the same voice that's been singing the Labatt's "Call for the Blue" commercials for the last four years, and the man who belongs to the soulful voice that entertained about 100 students last Friday at the afternoon mini-pub.

"That commercial has been on for four years now; it's the longest running commercial in Canada," Paul said.

The musician, with his distinctively harsh voice, an acoustic guitar and"the smallest PA system in the world" entertained the crowd with quite a respectable repertoire of music, from the Animals' House of the Rising Sun to the spiritual gospel hymn Amazing Grace.

Paul plays the guitar masterfully, with intensity and power. You can tell he has been inspired by the best.

Paul, a native of London, Ont., has been playing for about 25 years. He has been doing the college and university circuit since the early 1970s; he got out of it for about eight years, but he's back performing throughout southern Ontario, including the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) at Fanshawe College, bars in London, and upcoming shows in Kitchener.

I've had only one week off since Nov.1," the full-time blues man said. "I've been really busy working in studios. I've been doing car dealership commercials, singing voice-overs, and lead, back-up-do-wops."

Paul's been doing very well and gives credit to the Labatt's beer commercial.

"There was an audition in Toronto and a friend of mine, who wrote the commercial, asked me to audition. There were about 60 people there and I got it through elimination."

The crowd at the mini-pub was sparse at first but the cafeteria quickly filled in with students, perhaps drawn to the distinctive voice; those who attended were not disappointed as they howled to Paul's Neil Young medley which included Southern Man and Ohio.

Paul's voice is a dead-ringer for David Clayton Thomas, lead singer of Blood, Sweat and Tears, and many heads turned when Paul sang the band's classic hit You Make Me So Very Happy.

So next time you need a dose of the blues, call for the blues — give Paul Langille a call.

Another successful season finale

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Noel Coward's Fallen Angels was an appropriate choice for Press Theatre's final production of the 1987/88 season. The light comedy about the plight of two housewives trying to regain a passion from the past provided a jovial ending to yet another successful year of theatre for the St. Catharines theatre company.

Actresses Jenny Turner (Julia Sterroll) and Marye Barton (Jane Banbury) portrayed the nutty, scheming and frustrated wives. Urged on by the realization that they are no longer in love with their husbands, the two women engage in a competition to lure an old flame, protrayed by Raymond Hunt (Maurice Duclos), back into their lives.

The production works. Both Ms. Turner and Ms. Barton are successful in dressing their characters as the witty, sarcastic rivals and friends. Their antics make for a frantic weekend, complete with unleashed hostility and misguided ambition. While their husbands, portrayed by Donald Ewer (Fred Sterroll) and Robert Latimer (Willy Banbury), relax on the golf course, the women struggle with their scruples amongst thoughts of abandoning all that they have for excitement and that ruinous emotion, passion.

The farce is, as is customary, "aggressively English." The attractively decorated set, a dining-drawing room in a London flat, comes complete with all the characteristics of an English household, including a variety of English accents. Mr. Latimer's impersonation of what sounded like a cockney Elmer Fudd had the audience in stitches.

Following incrimination and confusion, the couples are brought to their senses by Mr. Hunt's portrayal of the debonair and very, very French Maurice. He eventually convinces his friends of the importance of not taking one's life, or one's spouse, for granted.

Directed by Mr. Ewer, the theatre company's final production marks both the end of innocence and another season.

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Students hold jam session at Report Night

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

The musical theme was coincidental, but three presenters at the 13th Annual Technical Report Night used it to their advantage. They took the musical synthesizers they had built and gave the audience an improvised "jam session" at the close of the evening.

Despite a few cases of "preshow jitters, the presenters walked through their reports with relative ease.

Report Night, which was held on April 13, gives the third-year computer/electrical/electronic students a chance to show their peers the projects they have built as part of their final mark before graduating. The host for the annual event is the student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

This year's presenters were John Middleton who designed a digital compass, Mark Coplen who built and programmed a polyphonic synthesizer, Mike Iannazzo who built and programmed a digital synthesizer, Ermens Meneguzzi who built a parametric equalizer, and Max Turavani who built an electronic percussion synthesizer.

John Raso, master of ceremonies for the evening, said the aim of the presenters should be to try to make the information understandable to a person with little technical background.

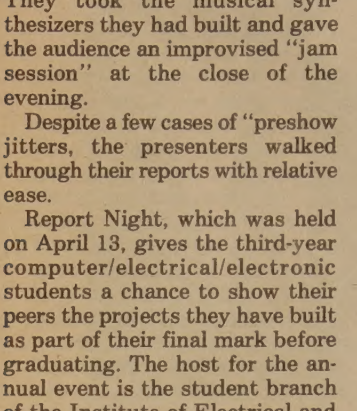
Max set out to build a kit for his drums that would mimic "natural percussive sounds."

Mark and Mike set about the task of programming a keyboard to copy conventional musical instruments, and create different types of sounds electronically. Although these projects appear similar, each required a different technical application.

Ermens built a parametric equalizer which was similiar to a graphic equalizer used in a recording studio.

John built a digital compass, and accomplished the task on about a $100 budget.

Anthony Backler, chairman of the chemical, computer, electrical, electronic, horticultural division, said the presenters handled the task of presenting their technical projects well.



MAX TURAVANI

Ermens Meneguzzi with the parametric equalizer he presented at this year's Technical Report Night put on by the student branch of the IEEE.

"The audience was given the opportunity to be part of the evening," Mr. Backler said. "You could tell it was a success by the amount of people who stayed around when it was over."

Students who choose to participate at Report Night must give an oral explanation of the "working" models which they have designed, built and tested.

Technical Report Night began with a dinner in the cafeteria. The technical reports were presented in the Hamilton room. About 60 people came for the, dinner but nearly 100 showed up to hear the technical reports.

Among the guests was Robert Alden, Canadian chairman of the IEEE. Mr. Alden said,"The opportunity for members to take part in a night like this is important. If you are going to succeed, you must be able to communicate."

At the end of the presentations, each of the presenters received a certificate to mark the occasion.

Students decided on what they are going to build in the first semester of their final year. After the project is approved, they start the work. During construction, they may consult with a technical adviser if they run into any problems, but the purpose of the exercise is to do the job by themselves.

The technical advisers this year were John Clark and Jim Tucker, computer; Lou Appel and Emil Knebel, electrical; Roy Blake and Joe Kopec, electronic; Richard Furbacher, microelectronics; and Paul Hutchinson who helped the students with the English aspects of writing a technical report.

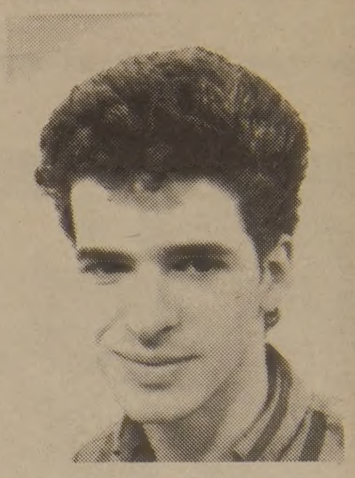
The IEEE invited faculty, representatives from high schools and industry, and members of the IEEE; but the evening was open to all.

Curiosity drew some second-year students to Report Night. Rob Westhouse said, "I'm here to find out what is in store for me next year."

John said he was glad to see such a good turn-out for the evening.

"It's important that the community know what is happening at Niagara; for example, the high school teachers who came tonight will be able to tell their graduating students about what goes on here."

MIKE IANNAZZO



JOHN MIDDLETON

Journalism student confident on first day

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

After two years of learning to dot his i's, cross his t's and spell convener, Randy Conlon is putting his effort to use in the real world.

The second-year journalism student is completing his work experience part of Niagara's journalism program at the Welland Tribune.

"School prepared me very well for it," he said. "Some reporters can't do paste-up or take photos. I can do everything."

Randy brings the same enthusiasm and confidence to the job that won him next year's SAC presidency. His first day at work — a terrifying experience for most people — proved to be no problem.

"I wasn't nervous," he said. "I was confident that I was a good writer because I was well taught."

However, there is a big difference between working on the Niagara News, which comes out once a week in the second year, and the Welland Tribune, which comes out once a day.

"It's fast-paced," he said.

Nonetheless, Randy is enjoying his work at the Tribune.

"They are good people to work with

Returning to Niagara in the fall to serve as president and take radio and television, the 21 year-old St. Catharines native will again be reminded of the difference he sees between school and work.

"It's different. At school, some days you can just take off."

He cannot do this at work.

Randy is not the type who feels just because he almost has his journalism diploma and some professional experience, he knows it all.

"I'm always learning, whether I'm at school or work."

For Randy, learning is a never-ending process, whether at the Welland Tribune, doing a streeter interview, or at Niagara College — learning how to spell convener.

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Sports

Georgetown won the '88 intramural basketball championships. Seated from left, Dusan Nickolic, Dave Taylor; back row, Lorenzo Sciarra, Chris Mudjar, Dave Buzanko, Bernie Turcotte, George Mechelse.

Tough defence

Georgetown wins championship

Tough defence helped Georgetown defeat St. Kitts 38 to 28 to win the Niagara College intramural basketball championship Tuesday April 12.

Dusan Nikolic lead Georgetown with 12 points and controlled both the offensive and defensive boards. Dave Buzanko chipped in eight, including a 40-foot jump shot at the end of the game. Chris Mudjar added six points and played a solid game at both ends of the court and on the boards.

Darryl Maude had 13 points for St. Kitts in a losing cause; Randy Conlon added five.

NO POINTS

Georgetown took a page from their major college namesake in Maryland by holding St. Kitts without a point until the 11-minute mark of the first half.

Georgetown lead 13 to 3 at the half.

St. Kitts pressed in the second half but could not close the score.

Lorenzo Sciarra's ball handling helped Georgetown beat St. Kitts' pressure.

St. Kitts closed the score to 17 to 9 on a couple of driving shots by Darryl Maude but that is as close as they got.

For Georgetown, George Mechelse added four points; Lorenzo Sciarra, three; Bernie Turcotte, three and Dave Taylor, two.

For St. Kitts, Joe Durocher added four points; Mario Zeoli, four, and Dan Hozjan, three.

Living video game 'omnipotent'

By MARGARET BOAL
Staff Writer

The blackened doorway loomed forbiddingly before me as I stepped towards the entrance of the Maze. Lazer gun in hand, I awaited my turn to face the droids and annihilate them.

I held my breath and walked cautiously into the unknown. My heart leapt as the first of the droids jumped out from the darkness. It all seemed like a scene straight out of Star Wars.

Firing my lazer gun at anything that moved, I destroyed my first droid. The explosion and smoke sent a surge of energy running to my head. I felt omnipotent!

Making my way through the next phase of my odyssey, I thought about why I was here. I was on a mission from earth to make the universe safe once again. I had to destroy as many of these droids as possible and save my fellow man.

Frightening

Adrenalin was racing through my blood as I walked stealthily towards the next chamber. Who knows when those evil droids might ambush me? I wasn't frightened; I was ready for them.

In the last few seconds of my adventure, the pace seemed to quicken and the excitement intensify. This was my last chance to destroy the enemy and prove myself to my peers.

I gave a long sigh of relief as I left. It was finally over. I had survived Lazer Maze.

Lazer Maze is the latest in high-tech games for kids of all ages. It is a living video game in which the player is the main character. Players are equipped with laser guns and enter a dark maze consisting of four chambers. The object of the game is to shoot the droids between the eyes and destroy them. The droids materialize at different intervals shooting laser beams at the player. Points are awarded for every droid destroyed. There are three levels of difficulty, each becoming faster-paced.

There are two Lazer Mazes in Canada, one in West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton and the other in Maple Leaf Village in Niagara Falls. There are also numerous Lazer Mazes throughout the United States.

Lazer Maze in Niagara Falls opened in June last year and has been well recieved. The game has gained much publicity from the local media and residents of the city who are curious as to what Lazer Maze is. Cost of admission is $5 for two games.

Overwhelming

Owner Barb Sanders said the success has been overwhelming; the game has attracted people from all over Ontario and New York state.

"I even have regulars who come from as far away as Toronto and Rochester N.Y." she said."They come to compete against one another and have some fun."

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Students 'feast' on Jays' home opener

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The song goes Take Me Out to the Ball Game, and that is what SAC did as 80 students travelled to Toronto to see the Blue Jays' home opener Monday, April 11.

The students were treated to a feast, or put through an ordeal — depending on how much of a baseball fan they were — of a four-hour 15-minute game. The game was one minute shy of the American League record and was the longest in Blue Jay history.

While the Blue Jays were beating the New York Yankees 17-9, Niagara's SAC presidents left their mark on the game — or at least section 15 in Exhibition Stadium.

The enthusiasm of outgoing president Darryl Nadeau, did not carry over to the rest of the crowd as he and four other students tried to start their own version of the wave. It did not even create a ripple in the pool. Maybe it was the Toronto Athletic Supporter jockstraps they were wearing on their heads.

Incoming president Randy Conlon nearly touched off a brawl in the stands when he argued with a neighbor over a balk call in the third inning.

"I just told him he didn't know a thing about baseball," Randy said.

Support

Barb Morrison, VP external added moral support — though she did not really help to ease tensions — breaking the pencil which Randy's antagonist had tucked behind his ear.

The ball game had everything: 27 runs, 32 hits, nine pitchers, two hit batsmen, and scored on passed balls and a balk. It even included a two-minute delay to try to persuade a seagull, standing between the pitcher's mound and home plate, to finish his lunch somewhere else.

Niagara student Mike Manning thought Dave Winfield would have been able to take care of the offending gull.

The beer concession ran out halfway through the game which may have been a blessing in disguise when considering the line-up for the washroom — at least a twenty minute wait.

Victim of the washroom line-up, Elaine Wilson, a first-year journalism student, expressed her dismay.

"Get out of here; I missed nine runs," she said.

Relief

On the field Kelly Gruber led the Jays to the win with a single, a run-scoring double, a solo homer and a three-run homer. David Wells got the win in relief giving up one run in four innings pitched.

While most students came bundled up, threatening cold weather did not stop Irene Bolibruch and Julie Boone from wearing shorts and getting an early start on their summer tans.

The length of the game proved too much for one Niagara fan who was forced to take a nap in the stands for the seventh and eighth innings.

Graduate returns

A graduate from Niagara's first class of construction technology students came back to Niagara College on April 12 to educate, reminisce and offer some of the students a summer job.

Guido Rapone has done well for himself since he left the college in 1977. He is now a partner at Durabond, a Scarborough firm which develops and markets "systems" in architectural wall coatings.

Mr. Rapone attributed some of the success he has enjoyed over the years to the "broad scope" of training he received while at Niagara.

"When I was attending college, I used to wonder why I was learning some 'things' which didn't seem relevant at the time," Mr. Rapone said. "Now, I truly believe I was fortunate to have come out of this type of program."

He said the ability to do technical writing and quantity surveying is important in the industry.

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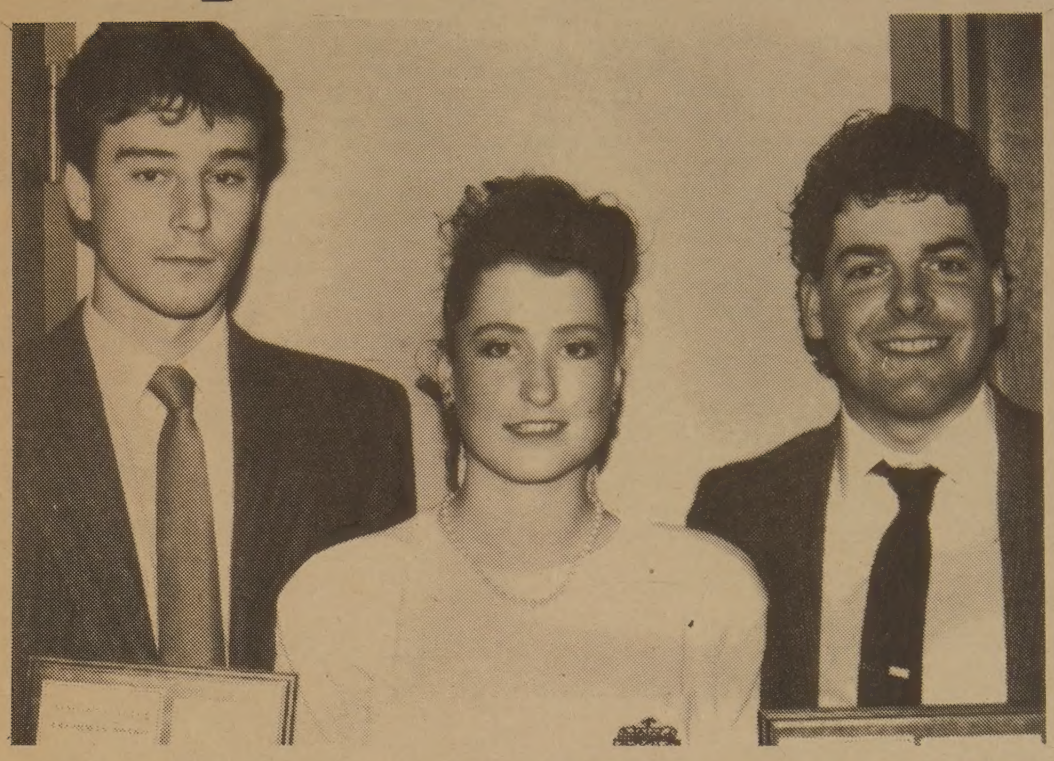
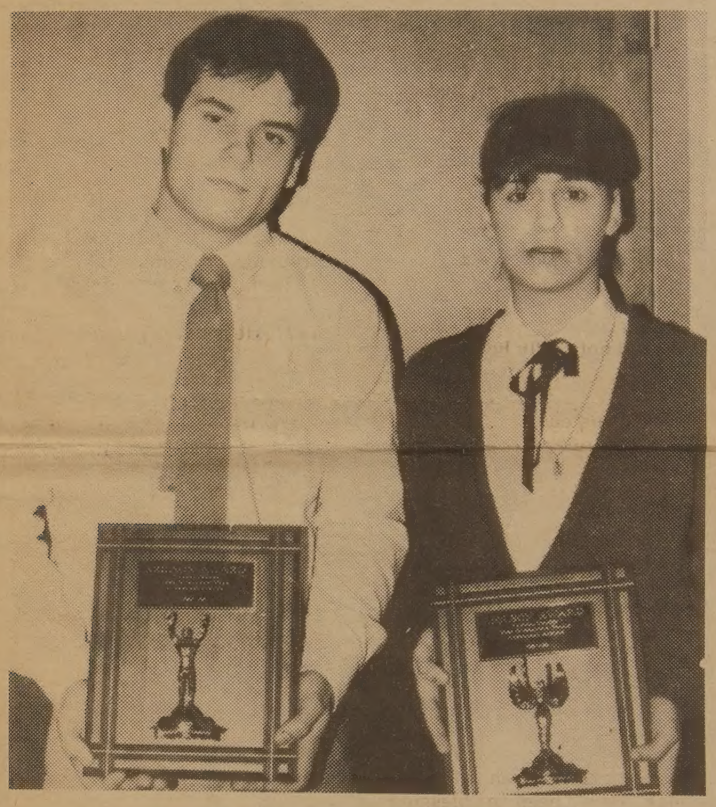


Freshmen athletes of the year Paul Hill, Tanya Carlton, Jim Darling

Most dedicated intramural athletes Cas Howorth, Jackie Samuels



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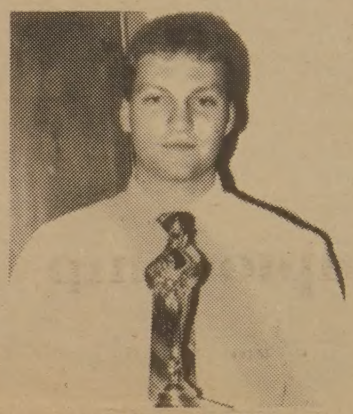

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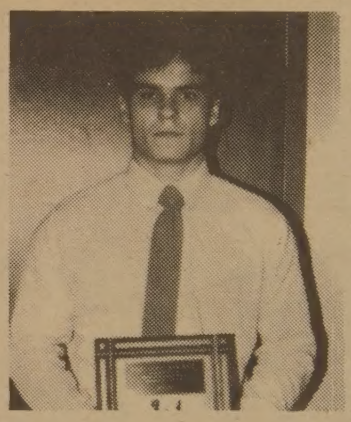

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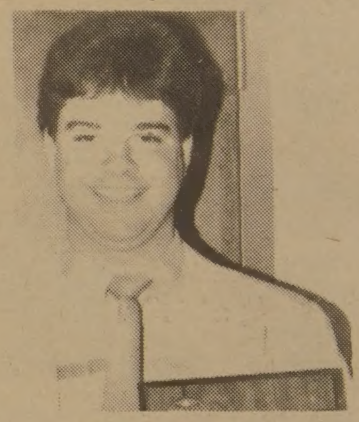

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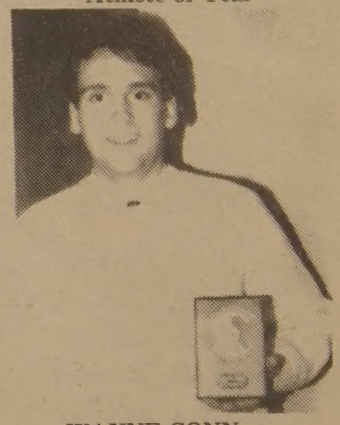

WAYNE CONN
Athlete of Distinction

Dinner rolls and toasts butter up athletic elite

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The food was good, the drinks were cold — for the short time they were available — and the mood was festive at the Niagara College athletic banquet.

"I hope the fellows who come back carry on the tradition," hockey coach Fred Bassi said April 7. The same can be said for all the men and women who will enrol at Niagara next year.

Commenting on his 1987-88 International Collegiate Hockey League championship team, Mr. Bassi said, "The team developed as a unit and played hard."

All of the athletes who played on varsity teams received Niagara College pins.

While presenting pins to his players Mr. Bassi singled some players out.

"Bruce Horvath was a big, strong, gentle guy — he only took four of five penalties a game."

"Two goalies carried the load. Mark Bush got us to the finals and Jim Darling won it for us."

"Todd Sneider was a general on the ice and the guy we looked for to get the puck out of our own end."

Knights

"Blake Sawyer was the guy we went to for the big goal. He was a pleasure to have on the team as were all the guys."

Mr. Bassi also thanked the people behind the scenes who helped the Knights have a successful year — assistant coaches Cam Wilson and Randy Kerr and timekeeper Phil Deschamps.

SAC gave the hockey team a number of special awards commemorating their championship season.

The players received a mug inscribed "1987-88 ICHL Champions" while two plaques were presented to Mr. Bassi, a personal one and one for the college trophy case.

Peter Rylander, athletic coordinator, opened the evening by thanking the Niagara College administration, SAC, the Niagara News, local papers, and the college radio station for their support throughout the year.

Judy Halaiko, women's volleyball coach, presented the awards for her team.

In the sports inaugural season at Niagara, the team finished ninth in the league.

"This is the first year we have had the program at Niagara and I didn't know what to expect," she said.

"After the first practice, I turned to assistant coach Kristin Bolstad and said, 'I think we're in trouble'."

However, the girls worked hard and "We did manage to finish ninth."

Awards

Awards were presented to the top athletes for the year. Blake Sawyer won male athlete of the year and hockey MVP and Pat Reynders won female athlete of the year. Freshman of the year for hockey men and women's volleyball went to Jim Darling, Tanya Carlton and Paul Hill. Ann Labrie won MVP for the women's volleyball team and Wayne Conn received an award for athlete of distinction for accumualting 40 athletic points — awarded by varsity coaches for skill and dedication.

Ray Sarkis, men's volleyball coach, presented the awards for his team.

"This is the first year we've had the program at Niagara and I feel it will be very successful. I explained to the kids at the beginning of the year that I didn't expect too much, but the team overcame inexperience and worked very hard."

The team also overcame the personality conflicts that come with the game, Mr. Sarkis explained.

"Volleyball is not a physical sport; it is an emotional sport."

The team finished second in Division 11 and seventh overall in the province.

Dinner at the banquet consisted of antipasta, a roll, macaroni and tomato sauce, meat balls, barbeque chicken, potatoes and coconut cream pie.

Budget proposes job, program cuts

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the crisis, only one was deemed acceptable to the board's Administrative Affairs Committee, the report said. This proposal "would eliminate $750,000 of new initiatives and $900,000 of current operations but would require a deficit of $1,550,000 during the 1988-89 fiscal year."

Other program cuts may be a reality if they do not have respectable enrolment by September, the report said.

Miss Robarts said, "We are monitoring programs to keep an eye on numbers. The programs will be given a chance provided they can get their numbers up."

A number of secretarial positions and clerical positions, three technicians, janitorial staff, library support and one nurse will be "reduced or eliminated" if the budget is passed as it stands.

"We'll be saving teachers jobs with the money we save," Miss Robarts said.

According to the budget report, "the impact of these actions would result in approximately 143 students being denied access to their programs...and approximately 28 employees laid off."

Despite the financial housekeeping, the college would still be saddled with a $1.5 million deficit.

"So to help us out of this situation, some suggestions were made," Miss. Robarts said.

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The committee suggested that programs and equipment at the St. Catharines campus be relocated and the remaining equipment be sold along with "the buildings which are old" and in need of repairs.

"We would also eliminate $600,000 in operating costs, like heat and lights," she said.

It was suggested programs be held in leased facilities, for example, the fine arts program, as it can't expand properly here at the Welland campus, Miss Robarts said.

It was proposed that 15 acres of the Welland campus, bordering Rice Road, be sold.

"If that were sold to the new housing development...we would still have 35 acres of undeveloped land," Miss Robarts said. "It wouldn't cramp the future of the college by selling this parcel of land."

The budget committee has been meeting for several months to try to find a means of alleviating a $2.3 million deficit forecast for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

"Again, the board has the ultimate decision," Miss Robarts said of the budget's acceptance. "It's been an unsettled week and we don't know how the board will move on these decisions."

The budget process has proven to be an unpleasant experience for the committee, going against the mandate of the college, she said.

DIFFICULT TIME

"It has been a difficult time for us in the college. PEC doesn't want to see program cuts, faculty lay-offs and students denied access to make some cuts."

Three programs were identified as needing to change their operating cost to make them more cost-efficient, the budget report said; they are Horticultural Technician, Retail Management, and programs in Business Administration.

"They are expensive programs because of the way they're operating," Miss Robarts said."They'll have a one-year grace period to get the programs in line with regular funding."

The Adult Training program may be hardest hit, facing the loss of 10 programs, 24 personnel, and about 350 students.

"The federal government pays for these programs and has been reducing money for them," the president said.

"The government is putting more training into the private sector and colleges have been suffering for it. Each seat we lose represents money we lose, because of reduced activity."

The budget proposal also suggests that there be a reduction of service co-ordinatorships due to program eliminations and course integrations.

Decisions regarding the budget may not be made final for some time.

"We could be two months away from a final decision and that's the real kicker," Miss Robarts said. She was referring to financial exigency requirements which allow teachers and support staff to delay budget decisions for up to 60 days.

"If there is a collective consideration to reduce staff, then financial exigency must be invoked," Miss Robarts said.

Until that time, anxiety and unrest will be prominent.

"Let's try and reduce the natural anxiety as much as we can. We'll try to make decisions as quickly as possible for employees."

Students enrolled in programs facing cuts will be able to complete their second year.

"We just won't be taking in new students," Miss Robarts said.

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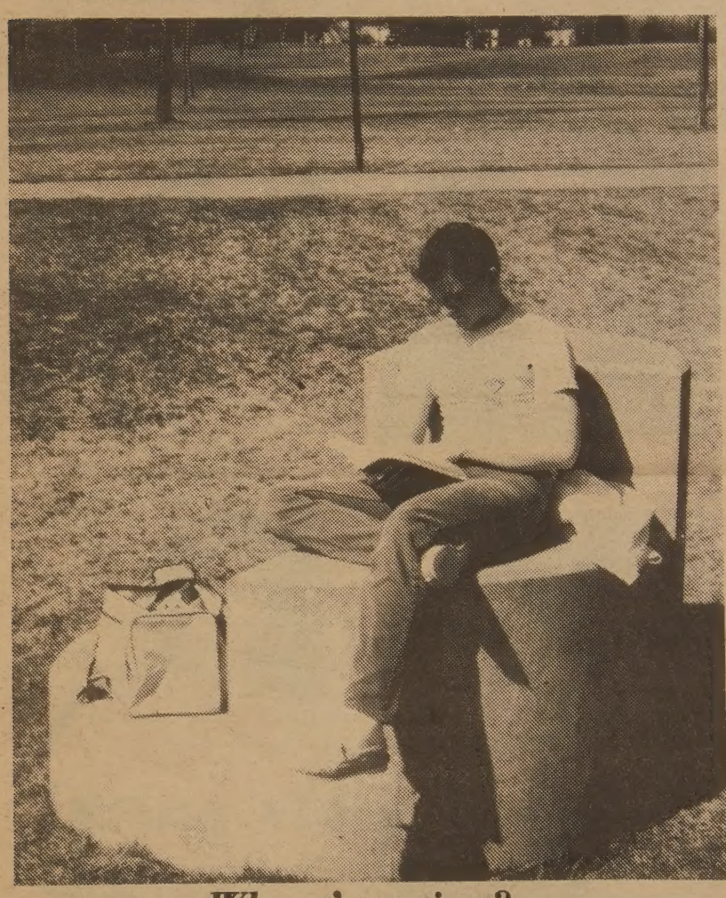

Where's spring?

It was not long ago when students around Niagara were allowed to enjoy the illusion of winter's demise and took advantage by flocking outdoors. Lately, cool temperatures have prevailed with no end in sight as nature reminds sun lovers that there is still a chance of — yes — snow.

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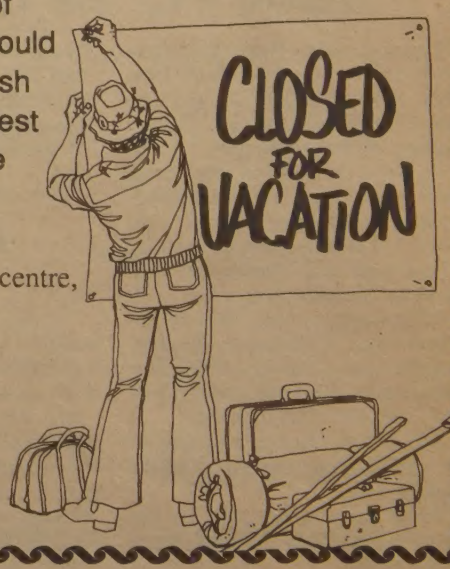

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